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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nathan R. Brown

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For: METHODS FOR POLISHING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
STRUCTURES BY DIFFERENTIALLY
APPLYING PRESSURE TO SUBSTRATES
THAT CARRY THE SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE STRUCTURES

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed following the rejections presented in the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on January 5, 2005.

A listing of the claims, in which amendments to the claims are presented, starts at page 2 of this paper; and

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